

What is claimed is:

1. Artist supporting and mediating system comprising:
a vote accepting computer that accepts votes from
supporters of preregistered artists or their artistic
works;
5 a fee collecting computer that handles a process of
charging fees to said supporters according to numbers of
votes cast and a predetermined unit fee per vote;
a vote tabulating computer that tabulates votes for each
10 artist or artistic work; and
a support fund distributing computer that distributes
support funds to said artist or an artist who produced
said artistic work corresponding to said number of votes
based on a predetermined rate.
- 15 2. The artist supporting and mediating system described
in claim 1 further comprising a dividend distributing
computer that distributes dividends to each supporter
according to the number of votes cast by said supporter
or the number of votes owned by said supporter based on
20 a predetermined condition.
- 25 3. The artist supporting and mediating system described
in claim 2 wherein said dividend distributing computer
distributes dividends when profits generated by artistic
activities of said artist match with a predetermined
condition.
4. The artist supporting and mediating system described
in claims 1 further comprising a vote trade mediating
computer that mediates trades of votes owned by said
supporters.
- 30 5. The artist supporting and mediating system described
in claims 1 further comprising a audio/visual distributing
service computer that provides a service of audio/visual

distribution of artistic works of preregistered artists to said supporters.

6. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claims 1 further comprising a browsing/searching service computer that provides a service of allowing said supporters to browsing and/or searching attributive data of preregistered artists.

7. The artist supporting and mediating system described in either one of claims 1 through 6 comprising supporters' terminals and each said computers, which are interconnected via a computer network.

8. The artist supporting and mediating system described in either one of claims 1 through 6 comprising artists' terminals and each said computers, which are interconnected via a computer network.